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Clues — Across

15. Many people become unduly keen to this rationed commodity (—ave)

Words— Save, Have, Gave, Rave.

The last two words deserve no consideration.

The clue refers to a rationed commodity. Such a commodity will not be supplied in excess of the actual requirement of the people and the chances of their getting so much as to enable them to save are remote. It is only under a highly defective system of rationing that many people could possibly think of storing the rationed commodity. Despite people's anxiety to save, they cannot do so under an efficient system of rationing. The pointer 'Many' distavours the selection of Save.

Many people, in their over-anxiety, feel that they may be deprived of the privilege of having their rationed commodity to meet their normal demands. This makes them unduly anxious about getting, i. e., having the rationed commodities.

We select Have.

18. Dog which is prone to this is apt to provoke many complaints to owner (—rowl)

Words— Prowl, Growl,

The sphere oi application of the clue is limited to dogs which are reared and not to all dogs. Is it the prowling of such dogs or their growling which provokes many complaints to owners ? How can we hold owners of dogs responsible for their growling ? They are provoked and they exhibit their anger by growling.

But, for prowling ol dog the owners may be held responsible. Dogs do not go about in search of prey if their owners pay sufficient attention to their feeding. When this is not done they develop a tendency for prowling. Such dogs are highly disturbing and objectionable and naturally provoke many complaints to owners. The pointer 'provoke' very much favours the selection of 'Prowl' The word 'apt' in the clue is also justifiable with 'Prowl' as the answer,, since the reaction of the havoc done by such dogs is not the same on all.

We prefer Prawl.

28. A woman's most cleverly contrived this is often seen through by another woman (F—in—)

Words— Feint, Faint, Fling. Flint.

The last two words may be completely ignored.

The expressions 'seen through' and 'most cleverly contrived' do not sound well with 'Faint' as the answer. It would be too sweeping an exageration to think that only a wsman is capable of perceiving the faint of another woman. We see no reason why a man should not be able to do so.

But in the matter of perceiving the pretence of a woman, a man lacks competence. He is not capable of seeing through her shams. Another woman, an individual of the same sex who is familiar with a woman's ways, is quite equal to the task of understanding her pretence, however cleverly contrived it may be. Even she, cannot always do so but only often.

We select Feint.

29. Good these help to develop a person's sense of taste ? (—ooks)

Words— Books, Cooks, Looks.

The last word is inapt. Does an attractive appearance help to develop a person's sense of taste ? We see no logical connection between the possession of an attractive appearance and the development of one's sense of taste. 'Looks' fails as an answer.

What does the expression 'sense of taste' mean ? Is it to be understood literally or figuratively ? If we take it in its literal sense we will be delimiting the application of the clue. The expression 'sense of taste' is more comprehensive than merely applying to the powers of the palate to perceive the relish of dishes. We have to take the expression in its figurative sense only. in this context and not in its literal sense.

If we take it in its literal sense Cooks becomes a possibility. It however needs more than a stretch of imagination to understand how good cooks help to develop one's sense of taste. 'Cooks' is no less inapt than its forerunner Looks.

The reading of good books really enables a person to cultivate good tastes. So good books help to develop a person's sense of taste.

We select Books.

35. Most of us are apt to this at person who behaves strangely (Ga—e)

Words— Gape, Gaze.

Are most of us likely to Gaze or Gape at the person who behaves strangely ? Looking intently at a person who behaves curiously is not a common reaction. The expression 'most of us' makes an overstatement with Gaze as the answer.

Most of us likely to gaze curiously at the person who behaves in a strange manner, i. e., we are apt to gape. The pointer 'most of us' is quite reconcilable with 'Gape'.

We prefer Gape.

37. Some of the affectionate things which lovers say are true, many are this ! (—ot)

Words— Not, Hot, Rot, Pot.

The last word deserves no comment.

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Though it is neither usual nor often, yet we are sometimes greatly entertained by a person playing a merry trick i. e. a prank.

We prefer 'Prank'.

22. Those unaccustomed to this usually find it hard to bear at first (—ack)

Words— Hack, Lack, Sack, Rack. Pack, Tack.

The last two words deserve no comment.

The expression 'hard to bear' does not go well with Rack as the answer. Getting accustomed to a sack is a ridiculous idea, and Sack is a misfit. Lack too is very indefinite and hardly serves as an answer.

Hack. i. e., a tedious menial work is difficult to bear for those not used to it ; but as time lapsses it may not be so hard to put up with.

We prefer Hack.

33. Often most dangerous when seriously cornered (—at)

Words— Tat, Rat, Bat, Cat.

'Tat' which means a pony is absolutely illfitting. The human rat is dangerous more frequently than often, especially when seriously cornered. It is inapt in this sense. In the other sense of the word—a rodent—also it is ill fitting. Though a rat attacks us when cornered it cannot be described as 'most dangerous. Bat in any sense of the word—a batsman or the nocturnal mouse-like quadruped— does not serve as the answer.

A cat, not of the feline variety but of the human type, is really often most dangerous when seriously cornered.

We prefer Cat.

Interlockers

Fake—Fire

Take—Tire

27. Across— It requires more than a little skill to this a photograph successfully (—ake)

Words— Take, Fake.

Which is it that needs greater skill? Faking a photograph successfully or taking it. A certain amount of skill is really needed to take a photograph successfully, More thsn that we can hardly concede. It is an exaggeration to think that taking a photograph requires more than a little skill. Hence Take is inapt.

It is not difficult for anyone to understand that faking a photograph successfully needs more than a little skill.

We select Fake.

27 Down— Sensational war rumours are apt to this thoughtful patriots (—ire)

Words— Fire, Tire.

Sensational war rumours which are always exaggerated & thoroughly unfounded are capable of doing great harm. Thoughtful patriots are not tired of listening to such rumours. They snub such rumour-mongers who spread evil news.

We select Fire.

The combination Fake — Fire is selected.

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Dive—Odd
Dine - Odd
Live—Old

34 Across— Many of us are inclined to envy those who are able to do this well (—I—E)

Words— Dive.Dine. Live

Whom are many of us inclined to envy ? Do we envy people who dive well. The word ' many ' makes an over-statement with Dives as the answer. The percentage of people interested in Diving is very small and to think that many are inclined to envy such people is more than an exaggeration.

Do many of us envy people who dine well ? Who are those who dine well ? Can such a person provoke our jealosy We can hardly see how dining well could be a source of provoking the jealousy of ' many ' of us.

We select the more comprehensive word ' Live '. Many of us are inclined to envy persons who are able to Live well. i. e., lead a happy life-

Live is selected.

32 Down— Such a face is apt to attract the interest of artists more than others (o—d)

Words— Old, Odd.

What is meant by an odd face ? What is queer to one is attractive to another. Since there is no described standard it is extremely difficult to precisely think of an odd face. Any face could be regarded as odd.

We select Old.

The combination Live—Old is selected.

— Finis —

The clue tells us that some of the affectionate things that lovers say are true. We are required to find out what many of the affectionate things that they say are—. Are they Not, Hot, or Rot? Though it looks as though the sentence could naturally be completed with Not, yet it is not appropriate to think that many things that lovers say are not true. is highly offensive to genuine lovers and untrue to life. The Pointer 'Many' in the clue makes an over-Statement with 'Not' as the answer.

There is nothing to seriously contend in the statement that some of the affectionate things that lovers say are true and many are hot, i. e. passionate. The mark of exclamation is thoroughly justifiable with hot as the answer.

We select Hot.

38. Vulgarly ambitious woman often likes to appear in a conspicuous one (Ro—e)

Words— Robe, Role.

To think that vulgarly ambitious woman often likes to appear in a conspicuous role is to assume that she possesses histrionic talents of an appreciably high degree, This is quite rediculous. Even in the sense of one's function Role does not suit.

Being ambitious, not in a noble way, but in a vulgar way she likes to impress others by appearing in a prominent robe, i.e. dress. A woman who is not so qualified, i.e.. vulgarly ambitious may not choose to be clad in such robes. The woman of the type described in the clue often chooses to appear in a conspicuous role.

We prefer Robe.

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Clues Down

13. Behaviour of such a person often provokes one to lose one's temper (—ross)

Words— Gross, Cross.

The behaviour of a gross person i. e.. indecent person provokes one to lose one's temper more frequently than 'often'. The pointer 'often' disfavours the selection of Gross as the answer.

A person who is Cross, i. e.. peevish, behaves in a manner causing great annoyance. His behaviour has the reaction of enraging one. This does not happen always, but only 'often'.

We select 'Cross'.

16. Strong drink is apt to make self-assertive person this (—rate)

Words— Irate. Prate, Grate, Orate.

What is the effect of strong drink on a self-assertive person? Is it likely to make him irate or angry? Under the influence of liquor—a strong drink—his mental equilibrium will be upset and one cannot understand whether he is enraged or not. Further, we will be completely ignoring the implication of the pointer 'self-assertive' in the clue, if we select Irate as the answer.

Is a strong drink likely to make a self-assertive man, Prate, i. e, talk too much? Anybody under the influence of liquor—a strong drink—would Prate. The term 'self-assertive' would be superfluous with Prate as the answer.

Does he orate or speechify? Even this reaction is not easily conceivable. Self-assertive people asserts themselves in several ways—some in their talk, some in their action. and some others in their behaviour, etc. If Orate is selected, we will be taking into consideration only that class of assertive persons who assert themselves in their talk. Thus we will be delimiting the scope of the clue. So, Orate is inapt.

Under the influence of liquor self-assertive persons may Grate. i.e. may become irresponsibly irritating.

We prefer Grate.

17 Generally speaking, most of us would prefer not to be seen in '—' by our friends. (R—G—)

Words— Rage, Rags, Rigs, Rugs.

The last two words deserve no comment.

The expression 'to be seen' in rags' may be understood as meaning to be observed when one is clad in torn clothes, almost in tatters. Without any exception, all of us prefer not to be seen in rags, especially by our false friends.

The pointer 'generally speaking' and 'most of us' disfavour the selection of Rags in this sense. The expression may be understood to mean indulging in rough jokes. In this sense the chances of its selection become more remote for we do not care to see who sees us—whether a friend or a foe—when we are indulging in rough jokes. Hence in no sense of the word is Rags apt.

We do not relish the idea of being seen by our friends when we are overcome by fury. The expressions 'generally speaking' 'most of us' are quite in consonance with the selection of Rage as the answer.

We select Rage.

20, One of the most formidable perils which tramp encounters (—og)

Words— Fog, Bog, Dog, Hog, Log.

The answer to this clue is very easy, provided we rightly understand the implication of the word Tramp. What does it mean? Does it mean a vagrant tramp or a hiker? Or, does it refer to a cargo-boat.

We can hardly understand how any of the above—Fog. Bog, Dog, Hog, Log—could be one of the most formidable perils encountered by a hiker. When Fog bedims his route, the tramp has sense enough to put an end to his journey. He may avoid a miry place— a bog. The expression 'formidable peril' does not sound well with Dog as the answer. The evils of a Hog whether human or otherwise could be easily averted. In no sense of the word is Log suitable. Fog too cannot be reckoned as a formidable peril which a hiker meets; for he can easily overcome its dangers.

The only sensible way of understanding the word tramp in this context is to take it as meaning a cargo boat. She meets several formidable perils. One of them is fog.

We select 'Fog'.

21. We are sometimes greatly entertained by person who plays one. (P—AN—)

Words —Prank, Plant, Piano.

In no sense of the word is Plant apt.

The low frequency is indicated by "sometimes" in the clue is not quite consistent with "piano" as the answer.

[Rest in appended Slip]

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